

**Minutes for Finance Council
St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia
September 28, 2017**

Members Present: Jeff Cook, Chad Hengesbach, Bill Nurenberg, Trina Pline, Doug Spitzley, Cindy Thelen (via video conference), Troy Thelen, Lindsay Weber

Members Absent: Bill Irrer

Also Present: Father Eric, Mary Enneking

Call the Meeting to Order: Chad Hengesbach called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Father Eric led the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Bill Nurenberg and seconded by Trina Pline to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of May 25th meeting minutes: A motion was made by Doug Spitzley and seconded by Bill Nurenberg to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Father Eric provided an update about the Witness to Hope campaign. As of September 21, 2017, St. Mary's parishioners have pledged \$2,354,680.52, or 251% of the goal. It is required that Finance Council approve the release of the funds prior to their use.

Mary Enneking provided an updated maintenance project list and an overview of what has been completed around the parish.

Meyers installed exhaust fans in 2 of the school's classrooms. School staff are very pleased with the fans.

New Business:

Mary Enneking explained that some parishioners have contacted the parish asking if they could donate stock to the parish. The council discussed opening a brokerage account to sell the donated stock. Mary and other council members will explore options for opening a brokerage account.

May and June 2017 financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Bill Nurenberg and seconded by Doug Spitzley to approve the reports. Motion carried.

July 2017 financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Bill Nurenberg and seconded by Doug Spitzley to approve the reports. Motion carried.

August 2017 financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Bill Nurenberg and seconded by Trina Pline to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 26th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

Words From The Pastor: Father Eric closed by thanking everyone for their hard work and dedication. Father Eric also expressed his satisfaction with the financial position of the parish and asked for continued prayers.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Bill Nurenberg and seconded by Doug Spitzley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Closing Prayer: Father Eric led the closing prayer.

Minutes taken by Trina Pline. These minutes have not been approved by the council. (Approved 10/26/2017)